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LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING to the Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Eye Has Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:
Why are priests transferred from one parish to another? How is that decided?

Answer:
Bishops take the appointment of pastors to parishes very seriously and the decision to assign or transfer priests is one of the most important decisions bishops can make, effecting the lives of everyone in the parish community.

In 1984, the bishops of the United States implemented a six-year term limit for pastors (which can be renewed by bishop); term limits for associate pastors vary from diocese to diocese. Sometimes a particular priest is assigned to a parish or chaplaincy to respond to specific issues (such as a parish merger, a fundraising campaign, or because he has special qualifications that make him a good fit for the community). In the case of new or recently ordained priests, the vibrancy and diversity, the presence of a school, or certain social programs offer invaluable training and ongoing formation.

In making their decisions regarding the placement of priests, most bishops rely on a priest personnel committee or a council of priests. There is also a period of dialogue with the priest(s) who will be moved, sometimes even including an extended period of discernment and self-assessment, helping to be as sure as possible that the assignment of a priest to a particular community will truly benefit the people and be a healthy one for the priest himself.

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CDA MEETING

Monday, April 12th

6:30 PM

At the Parish Center

Room 7

All women of the parish are invited to attend!

Religious Education

April 11– First Communion 8:30am Oregon

April 14– Virtual Classes

April 21– Virtual Classes

April 28– Virtual Classes

First Holy Communion

Please pray for:

Cristina Alfano & Sophia Ebert

As they receive their First Communion

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 22

At 1:oopm in the Church Hall

Attention: High School Seniors

The Oregon Knights of Columbus Council #1092 will be offering at least one $500 Scholarship Award to graduating seniors this spring. Applications are available at the Oregon High School, Newman Central High School, and the Oregon Parish Office.

Completed applications must be turned in to the parish office by April 16th.

OREGON PARISH GIVING SUMMARY	
On March 27-28, 2021 we received 66 envelopes out of 254 sets	
Envelopes	$2,735.00
Offertory	$41.00
Online	$2,461.00
Subtotal	$5,237.00
Good Friday/Holy Land	$54.00
Flowers	$125.00
Maintenance	$105.00
Utilities	$100.00
Weekly Grand Total	**$5,621.00**
International Appeal	**$175.00**

POLO PARISH GIVING SUMMARY	
On March 28, 2021 we received 17 envelopes out of 104 sets	
Envelopes	$550.00
Offertory	$21.00
Subtotal	$571.00
Easter Flowers	$65.00
Good Friday	$30.00
Ash Wednesday	$70.00
Easter	$25.00
Weekly Grand Total	**$761.00**

COMBINED PARISH CALENDARS WITH MASS INTENTIONS

Oregon Polo Both

Saturday	**April 10**
4:30 PM	Mass: +Felton & Irene Brown
Sunday	**April 11**
8:30 AM	First Communion Mass: Pro Populo
10:30 AM	POLO - Mass: +Betty Murphy
Monday	**April 12**
8:30 AM	Mass: Fred & Rosemary Murphy
6:30 PM	CDA Meeting - PC, Room 7
Tuesday	**April 13**
8:30 AM	POLO - Mass: +Melissa Koenck
Wednesday	**April 14**
6:30 PM	R.E. Class-PC
Friday	**April 16**
(All day)	Pope Benedict 94th Birthday!!
8:30 AM	Mass: +Felton & Irene Brown
Saturday	**April 17**
4:30 PM	Mass: +John Klinger
Sunday	**April 18**
8:30 AM	Mass: +Jacob Burke
10:30 AM	POLO - Mass: Pro Populo

MASS INTENTIONS

Submit a Mass Intention

There is no more powerful prayerful petition
than having a Mass said for an intention.

*Find strength through prayer. *Birthday Blessings
*Thanksgiving *Anniversary * A Mass in Loving Memory

Call your Parish Office to submit your mass intention.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O, LORD

+Mark Lewis Hendricks (04/06/2021)

ChurchOffice

The Parish Offices are operational
but closed to visitors. Business may be conducted by
phone and email or on a drop-off and pick-up manor.
Please understand the need
for these temporary modifications.

Join us for Mass

Saturday:	4:30pm, Oregon
Sunday:	8:30am, Oregon 10:15am, Polo
Mon, Wed, Fri:	8:30am, Oregon
Tue:	8:30am, Polo
Confession in Oregon:	3:30-4pm, Saturdays
Adoration:	Not available at this time

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Reading I

Acts 4:32-35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

Responsorial Psalm

118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever."
Let the house of Aaron say,
"His mercy endures forever."
Let those who fear the LORD say,
"His mercy endures forever."

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

I was hard pressed and was falling,
but the LORD helped me.
My strength and my courage is the LORD,
and he has been my savior.
The joyful shout of victory
in the tents of the just:

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.
This is the day the LORD has made;
let us be glad and rejoice in it.

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Reading II

1 Jn 5:1-6

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

Alleluia

Jn 20:29

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;
Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and

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